



The Heseltine Open Exhibition 2023

Annual open exhibition for South Northamptonshire and North Oxfordshire's emerging and professional artists

19 November to 13 December 2023

The Heseltine Gallery, Chenderit School, Middleton Cheney OX17 2QR

Launch Event: Saturday 18 November, 2 – 4pm

EXHIBITION TERMS & GUIDELINES:

Artists – should make work in, or be residents of North Oxfordshire or the southern area of West Northamptonshire including Northampton and Daventry, or near the area. Professional and emerging artists are invited; youth category for 11 to 18 year-olds.

Artworks – Work can be in any medium including photography. Wall, floor and plinth space will be provided, plus one cabinet for small items. **Each artist can submit up to 3 pieces of work under a square metre in size (cubic metre for 3D).** Items designed to display together will be counted individually, except for jewellery or ceramic sets. At least one item submitted should be for sale, except in the youth category. Work must be appropriate for viewing by young people as well as adults and should not have been shown in the gallery previously.

Presentation and hanging – Work must be framed or otherwise professionally presented (no clip frames). **2D work must be fitted with mirror plates, ready for hanging.** Glass pieces need to have suitable stands or hanging devices. Indicate your display needs on the forms. Limited cabinet space is available so may need to be supplied by the artist. Selected work will be hung by a professional; any gallery volunteers assisting will be supervised.

Identification – A label must be attached to the back or side of all submitted works giving the artist's name and telephone number, title and medium of work and price or NFS. A second label should be attached by string to the work to allow for ease of identification during hanging and catalogue listing.

Submission – Artists are invited to complete a submission form in advance, but there is no pre-selection. **Entries should be submitted on Monday 13 November between 11am and 6pm, or Tuesday 14 November between 10am and 4pm.** Please deliver with a helper if items are too large or heavy for you to handle alone. If you haven't emailed a completed submission form, download and print one to complete and bring with your entries.

Selection – Tom Christy (Head of Art & Design at Chenderit) will select work for the exhibition. Any work that is not selected can be collected at the launch event or by arrangement soon afterwards. Artists may assume that their work has been selected if not notified otherwise by 17 November.

Awards – Commendations for outstanding work will be announced at the preview on **Saturday 18 November**. Artists may be selected for an award of a future exhibition in the gallery, supported by the Friends. Be there with your guests by 2.30pm for the photo opportunity!

Opening arrangements – Free admission. Open 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and Sundays. Please note that the four Sundays during the exhibition period will potentially be busy with visitors. These are good opportunities for 'Meet the Artist', so please volunteer to do that and to be part of the stewarding teams. Keep the dates free. *Please indicate preferred Sunday dates on submission form.* If you would like to offer demonstration days on weekdays, please ask.

Entry fee – **£6 per item for members of the *Friends; £7.50 per item for non-members;** free for youth category. Payable with submissions by cash or cheque (to **Friends of the Heseltine Gallery**) or in advance by bank transfer to: Friends of the Heseltine Gallery at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 309042, Account number 44304760 – *please use the following reference:* Open[your surname]. Fees are not refundable.

Sales – In line with all our selling exhibitions, 30% commission will be levied on sales at The Heseltine Gallery. Sales are paid to the Friends account and artists will be paid by the Treasurer as soon as the accounts have been reconciled. Exhibits must remain in the gallery until 4pm on 13 December, when buyers may collect.

Insurance – You are advised to consider insuring your work while in the gallery as well as its transportation to and from the gallery. Public liability only will be covered by the venue's insurance whilst work is within the gallery space. Work should be complete, stable and safe to exhibit. Public admission to the gallery is controlled at the main entrance and within the school.

Collection – Unsold work must be collected on **Wednesday 13 December** 4-5.45pm, or **Thursday 14 December** between 10am and 4pm. The school will be closed for holidays after Friday 20 December.

Publicity – The exhibition is widely publicised on the [Heseltine Gallery website](#), through Oxfordshire Artweeks. South Northants Arts, West Northamptonshire Council, local media and **The Heseltine Gallery** social media: Instagram and [Facebook](#). Please promote through your own networks and social media and distribute flyers provided. By submitting work, you will be accepting that images of it can be used to promote the exhibition and the gallery.

Complete the submission form, keep a copy for your records and for collection ID. Print and bring with your artwork, or email in advance to suesartstuff@intamail.com.

Contact for queries: Sue Carverhill, Secretary, Friends of the Heseltine Gallery: suesartstuff@intamail.com or 07957 155174



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Friends of The Heseltine Gallery membership and enquiries:
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Please note that income from entries and commission needs to cover costs of caretaker fees and marketing, both of which have increased since last year.

Venue enquiries:

Tom Christy, Head of Art & Design, Chenderit School, Archery Road, Middleton Cheney, Banbury, OX17 2QR. Tel: 01295 711567 (Reception)